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In re PATENT application of)
 Knud Erik BÆKGAARD et al.)
 Serial No. 09/688,216) Group Art Unit: 2644
 Filed: 10/16/2000)
 For: ELECTRONIC STETHOSCOPE) Examiner: L.A. Grier

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is presented supplemental to the Amendment filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

Appended hereto is a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.312 which supports the arguments advance for patentability in the above noted Amendment filed September 23, 2002 by Certificate of Mailing. This Declaration provides evidence as to the fact that the filters of the Harley and Thomasson patents are different from and incapable of performing the functions of the claimed invention. Thus, when this evidence is viewed in combination with the points raised in the September, 2002 Amendment, the claims as now present in this application should be found to be patentable over the prior art and the outstanding rejection should be withdrawn.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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